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CATALOGUE

OF TESTED

GARDEN SEEDS.

— GROWN, AND FOR SALE BY, —



A. T. COOK,

SEED-GROWER,



CLINTON HOLLOW,

DUTCHESS COUNTY,

NEW YORK.



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"Sowing in the sunshine,
Sowing in the shadows;
Fearing neither clouds, nor
Winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest,
And the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing,
Bringing in the sheaves."



ANNUAL GREETING.

"May seed-time leave your doubts no room,
The summer find your fields a-bloom.
The harvest, as 'tis gathered in,
Crowd every barn, and every bin."

KIND FRIENDS:—In sending you my **SEED CATALOGUE** for 1888, I take this opportunity of thanking you for the liberal patronage bestowed on me, and for the many kind letters and testimonials, in regard to the good quality of my seeds. I am happy to say I do not know that I have a single dissatisfied customer; but should there be any such, if they will write to me, I will do my best to render satisfaction. I do not boast of having the largest seed house in the country, or of issuing the most magnificent Catalogue, filled with illustrated beauty, and bewitching rhetoric, (which all understand the customer really has to pay for in high-priced seeds.) But rather, I am glad to say that what I do, I mean to do well, and by personally growing most of the seeds, carefully testing them, and putting them up myself, I **KNOW WHAT I AM SELLING.** and am able to supply good-sized packets at a reasonable price.

My business the past season has been more than double that of any previous year; and I find people fully understand the great advantage of buying tested seeds direct from the grower. I have the largest and best selected stock of seeds I have ever offered. To strangers, I would say—

YOU WILL NOT FIND IN MY CATALOGUE

"store seed" venerable with years, and greater travellers than Stanley; seed saved from the odds and ends of various crops; seed saved from unsalable melons, and onions; headless cabbages, sprangling carrots; refuse corn, beets, and vegetables of all sorts. But if you want Northern seed, honestly raised, home grown, carefully tested: seed warranted to give satisfaction [or order refilled gratis], then I should be pleased to count you among my customers for 1888.

My seeds are raised for My Customers.

Terms, strictly CASH with the order.

I send out no seeds on commission.

I send out no seeds on credit.

Postage-stamps taken same as cash.


Money Order office Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

I put in extra packets with every order.

All Seeds, potato eyes, etc. carefully packed and sent by mail prepaid, at prices given.

I guarantee entire satisfaction in every thing I offer, in so far that, should any prove otherwise, I will refill the order gratis.

HOW TO SEND MONEY.

Although letters sent in the usual way very seldom get lost, it is, perhaps, best,—when \$1.00 or more is enclosed, to send by one of the following methods, (which may be done at my risk,) Registered Letter; Post-Office Order (payable at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.) Bank Draft, or by Express-order.  I always put in more than enough extra packets to pay this expense.

I **GUARANTEE** that all seeds sent out by me, shall reach their destination in good condition, and will replace any that may be lost or injured on the way:—thus I warrant everything but the crop, and make the purchase of seed the safest investment possible.

ORDER EARLY. Please send your orders early as possible, before the rush, while my stock is complete: I will have more time to put in extra packets, and you will have the seeds on hand just when you want them. Should you receive more than one of my Catalogues, or Circulars, please hand to some friend.

SEEDS BY EXPRESS. Great Inducements !!

(PURCHASER TO PAY EXPRESS CHARGES.)

Persons remitting \$5.00 or more, may order seeds in packets, ounces, or quarts, also Introduction Boxes, and potato eyes, at just **HALF** full catalogue rates. This is an excellent opportunity to get up clubs, or act as Agent for my seeds etc. Persons engaging in it, even boys and girls, can make money rapidly, as it is no trouble to sell at my low Catalogue prices,—thus **DOUBLING YOUR MONEY** on everything you sell. My "**SPECIAL INTRODUCTION BOX**" (see illustrated supplement), sells readily everywhere. It contains 25 packets (besides extras) of the finest seeds I ever sent out. And is furnished as above, for only 32½ cents each, or 10 for \$3.00. Special rates on large lots. Any person in one week should take from 50 to 100 orders for this alone. This is one of the best chances to make money ever offered. Give it a trial. **ILLUSTRATED CIRCULARS OF THIS BOX FURNISHED AS REQUIRED.**

Address, (naming your express office,) A. T. COOK, Clinton Hollow, Dutchess Co. N. Y.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

MY LIST OF

Specialties, Novelties, and Improved Varieties.

The following list of Specialties, new, and improved varieties of Vegetable seeds, have been mostly grown, and fully tested by me, and found to be worthy of all the praise I have given them, and my customers will find them all of great value and merit.

POWELL'S PROLIFIC POLE BEAN.

This wonderful and extraordinary new variety, [first introduced by me last season], surpasses anything ever before seen among beans: more than TWICE AS PRODUCTIVE as any other kind. Quality SUPERFINE. I am convinced it cannot be praised too highly. Supply as yet very limited, and sold by the packet only. **25¢** To EACH of the TEN PERSONS growing the greatest number of beans by count, from one vine, I will give the MAGNIFICENT CHROMO, "YOSEMITE VALLEY," 14 x 20 inches in size, and printed in 17 old colors. All reports to be sent in by Nov. 10. Packet 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. 7 for 50 cts.

AMY THOMPSON, Pine Grove, Ohio, Oct. 23d. 1887, writes:—I raised 1800 Powell's Prolific beans on ONE VINE: which was the greatest yield I ever saw.

Mrs. C. E. LISSFORD, Kiharos, S. C. Nov. 5. 1887, writes:—I actually can't tell by count, how many beans grew on one stalk of the POWELL'S PROLIFIC, but from five vines we ate beans all the summer, and then gathered over one-half gallon of seed. They were the admiration of the neighborhood; I have picked a full mess of beans for dinner, without changing position at the vine. Our summer was dry,—but the vines continued green and bearing, while all other kinds of beans dried up, they are the best bean I ever saw grow, and I cannot command words to express the true value of such a garden treasure.



I offer this season, "THE PRINCESS" a new Melon of extraordinary value, which after a thorough trial for the past two seasons, has proven the best and richest in flavor of over forty varieties. My engraving made from nature, shows their shape, which is nearly round with heavily netted dark green skin; the flesh is of a rich salmon color, thicker than in any other melon and in favor is SWEET AND LUSCIOUS BEYOND DESCRIPTION. They ripen early, and grow to good size, frequently weighing eight to ten pounds each. The vines grow vigorously and are very productive, often producing six to eight perfect melons on a single vine.

Pkt. 15 cts. two for 25 cts.; oz., 35 cts.; 1 lb., \$1.00.



Permit me again to call your attention to this beautiful climber, which also possesses the rare quality of emitting from its flowers the delightful odor of the cinnamon, and very appropriately called the "Cinnamon Vine." Perfectly hardy, the stem dying down every autumn, but growing again so rapidly in the spring as to completely cover any trellis or arbor very early in the season. It is as easily cultivated as the Madeira Vine, has no insect enemies, and is not affected by drouth. It is propagated from small bulbets which will make from ten to twenty feet of vine, and with its beautiful heart-shaped leaves, bright green peculiar foliage, and clusters of delicate white flowers, sending forth a delicious cinnamon odor, render it by far one of the most desirable climbers in cultivation. Planted near a door or window, and the vine trained over and about it makes an ornament worthy the admiration of all.

The tubers are frequently over two feet long at two or three years of age, and run straight down in good deep soil—flesh whiter than superfine flour, and equally as good for table use as the best potatoes.

J. P. RUNG, Tyrone, Pa., says:—The vine has grown about eighteen feet, and was very full of bloom, with a delicious odor, scenting the air for a long distance. The foliage is very much admired.

JAS. E. RADJER, Jr., St. Joseph, Mo., says:—The Cinnamon Vine is a success. From one stem a dozen branches have started, ranging from twelve to twenty feet each, and blooming profusely; very fragrant. We are more than satisfied.

Miss EMMA A. FIELD, of Elvira, O., writes:—It is a beautiful vine of rapid growth, beautiful foliage, and a perfume that is perfect.

Mrs. A. MUNDT, of Fairbury, Ill., says:—The vine is very pretty, and pleasing with its bright green and peculiar foliage. I transplanted the roots from a smaller to a larger pot, and was surprised to find the three roots, which were about the size of a lead pencil and half as long, had increased to six roots from one to one and a half inches in diameter, and about eight inches long. Three of these roots, with each one shot (I trimmed all the rest off), completely fill one of my wind-ws. eight feet long and three feet wide. I intend to try some of them out doors next year.

PRICES OF THE CINNAMON VINE.

I will send a package of one dozen bulbets for 20 cents; 3 packets for 50 cts. 7 for \$1.00.



FOTTLER'S IMPROVED BRUNSWICK CABBAGE.

This is the earliest and best of the large hard-headed Drumheads, and combines in a wonderful degree all desirable requisites. The heads are very large, often weighing 20 to 30 pounds each: very hard and firm; it will ripen in 85 days, and is a good keeper; quality very fine. No variety has more rapidly grown in public favor than this. It is a sure header; from each 100 plants set out, at least 98 large heads may be confidently expected. My seed is grown from the original John Fottler's strain and cannot be surpassed. Pkt. 5 cts. oz. 20 c. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 60 c. 1 lb. \$2.25.



TENNESSEE SWEET POTATO PUMPKIN.

Of medium size, pear shaped, flesh thick, creamy white, fine grained, dry, and of most excellent flavor. Hardy, productive, a good keeper, and superior to any other variety for pies, and cooking purposes. Pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.

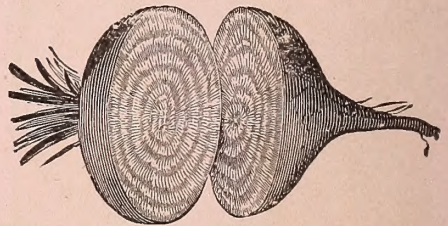
POTATO SEED:—I offer A VERY CHOICE STRAIN of Potato seed, one that will produce a great variety of kinds; some of which may prove of inestimable value. Packet 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

Wm. M. Johnson, of Tampico Ind. writes:—"The packet of potato-seed you sent me done well. Some look like the peach-blow, —some are a beautiful pale pink, large and long for a seedling the first year, they are a beauty. Some large white, purple eyes:—some round, pale red, 30 to 50 in a hill:—some pale blue:—some white, flat, and three inches or more long;—two hills of black potatoes, &c. &c. I never saw so many different colors and shapes. If they grow in the same ratio another year, they will be the largest ever raised in this section."



NEW BEAUTY TOMATO.

This new variety is one of the very best yet introduced. Its beauty, size, shape, color, flavor, durability, productiveness and earliness, make it desirable to all classes of Tomato growers. The above illustration [which is only $\frac{1}{2}$ natural size,] is a fair representation of this magnificent tomato. Pkt. 10 c.



EARLY EGYPTIAN BEET.

The earliest of all beets, and the most popular among market Gardeners. Grows with wonderful rapidity; tops small, roots turnip-shape; intensely dark red flesh and skin, very tender and sweet.

Pkt. 5 c. oz. 10 c. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb 30 c.

Egyptian Pop Corn,

S. G. CAMPBELL, Tappan Ohio, writes:—"Last Spring I got three packets of Egyptian Pop Corn from you; and I raised $3\frac{1}{2}$ bushels, sold $2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels for \$3.75 have $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. to sell yet, and enough left for us to eat this winter.

FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF THIS POP CORN, SEE PAGE 7,—NOVELTIES, AND SPECIALTIES.



NEW DWARF CHAMPION TOMATO.

Introduced by W. C. Beckert, originator of the Charters radish,—who describes it as follows; "In this new variety we have a tomato that is entirely distinct; it is dwarf and compact in habit, and can be planted as close as three feet. In a comparative test with leading varieties it has proven itself remarkably early: ripening its fruit as early as July 1st. It is an immense cropper, and will yield double the quantity of extra early fruit per acre, than can be obtained from any other tomato. Price 25 c. per pkt. 5 for \$1.00

IMPROVED EVERGREEN SUGAR CORN.



This is an early Evergreen, coming immediately after the early sorts, and before the mammoth sugar, it is very productive, has large well filled ears, and small cob; very sweet, and sells higher in market than most other corn. Pkt. 5 cts. plnt 30 c. quart 50 cts., postpaid.



EARLY GREEN CLUSTER CUCUMBER.

One of the best early varieties, growing in clusters, of good size, extremely productive, and remains in bearing condition longer than any other early sort.

Pkt. 5 cts. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 30 cts.



EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD.

This is preeminently the best extra early cabbage in the world; heads of medium size hard and solid; can be planted close, and is very desirable for early market.

☞ All of my Cabbage seed is the popular "P. S." brand, and will be found very choice,—being raised from the best hard heads, carefully selected.—Every packet is printed with the following trade mark.

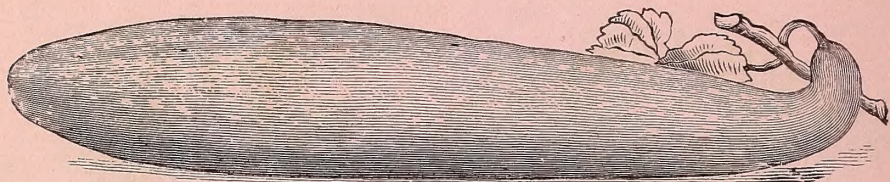


Gardeners! plant them this year and you will agree with the verdict that "they are the best in the world" All varieties of cabbage seed are 5 cts. per pkt. 20 c. per ounce, 4 ozs. 60 c. per pound \$2.25, postpaid.



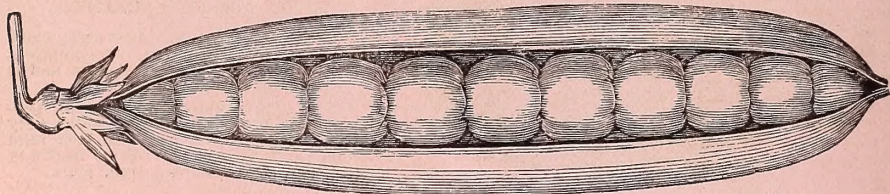
NICHOL'S MEDIUM GREEN CUCUMBER.

A new variety; early, exceedingly prolific, growing very uniform, straight and smooth,—dark green in color,—medium in size,—quality the very best. It has already become a standard sort wherever it has been introduced among Large Pickle Growers, Market Men, and for the family garden. Pkt. 10 cts.



NEW BANANA MUSK-MELON.

This new variety originated with one of our best growers in South Jersey, and is pronounced by him the most profitable variety he has ever grown. He realized an average of forty cents each for his entire crop, as they were eagerly sought after in the Philadelphia markets, on account of their great oddity of shape and appearance. They grow from 20 inches to 2 feet long, are very productive, with deep yellow flesh, by many preferred to any other variety, and a great curiosity. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



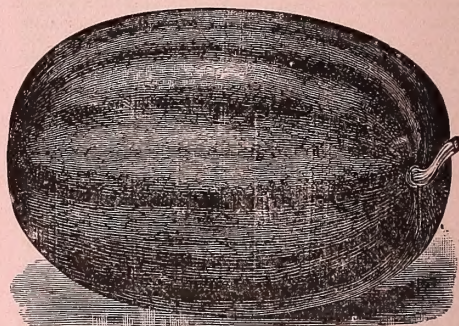
TELEPHONE PEA.

This new variety is immensely productive, of the finest quality and excellent sugary flavor: vines very strong: pods are of large size, and closely packed with large delicious peas. Pkt. 5c. pint. 35c. qt. 60 cts.

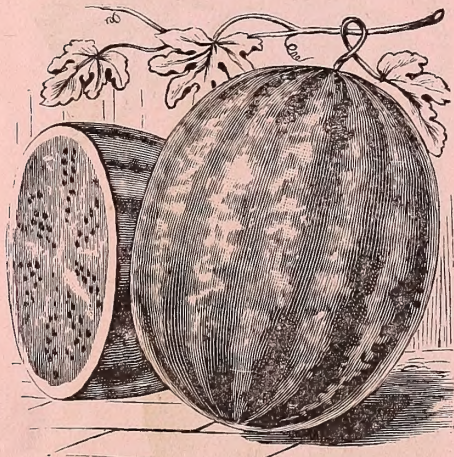


MAMMOTH SUGAR CORN.

This Sweet Corn is not only the largest eared; but one of the sweetest known: ears weighing from 2 to 3 pounds each: it remains in season a long time. Your garden will be incomplete without this splendid late variety. Pkt. 5 c. pint 30 c. quart 50 cts.

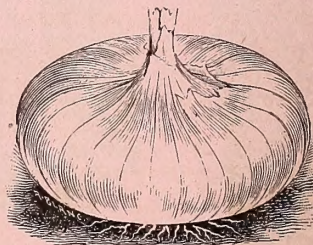


CHRISTMAS WATERMELON. A most valuable, new and distinct variety. They have been kept in a cool cellar for over four months, and cut fresh and delicious. Their valuable keeping and shipping qualities are due to a peculiar, hard tenacious coating or enamelling of the skin, which also gives them an exceedingly handsome and fresh appearance. The flesh is rich scarlet, very solid, and of delicious sugary flavor. Packet 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.



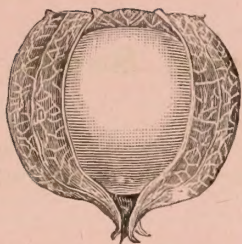
STOKES' EXTRA EARLY WATER-MELON.

This new melon is, without doubt, the earliest of all. My illustration, made from a photograph, shows their shape, which is nearly round, dark green skin, slightly mottled with white. The flesh is deep scarlet, and its delicious sugary flavor is unsurpassed by any other melon. Their average weight is about 15 pounds. I recommend my customers, one and all, to try this grand little melon, as it is certainly a valuable acquisition. Pkt. 10 cts. oz. 20 cts.



MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION.

This new variety grows to a most remarkable size, —often from 15 to 20 inches in circumference, and weighing from 2 to 4 pounds. The flesh is snow white and of a particularly mild and pleasant flavor. The Silver King matures early, and is uniformly of large size, and perfect form: it cannot be too highly recommended, either for family use; for market; or for exhibition at fairs. Pkt. 10 c. oz. 35 cts.



STRAWBERRY TOMATO.—I am headquarters for the genuine Strawberry Tomato, [Winter, or Ground Cherry,] seed. This distinct husk tomato, is unequalled for canning, preserving, and pies. Dried in sugar, as Raisins, or Figs,—or to use in fruit cake, they are unexcelled. They are a handsome golden color,—the size of large cherries, enormously productive, and will keep till mid-winter, or longer. They have a strawberry flavor, and many esteem them fully equal to that fruit to eat out of hand. This tomato is indispensable where fruit is scarce or likely to fail.

Extra selected seed. Pkt. 10 cts.

3 for 25 cts. oz. 35 cts.

PURPLE-HUSK TOMATO.—This new, and beautiful variety produces fruit in great abundance, from one to two inches in diameter, enveloped with a husk. In sections devoid of fruit, many esteem them highly; a great curiosity. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



ROSY GEM RADISH. This new Radish has won golden opinions in all sections of the country. The illustration is perfect from nature, and will give some idea of their great beauty. It is absolutely the earliest radish in cultivation: their shape is perfectly globular, with rich deep scarlet top: equally desirable for either the market or home garden, and should be planted by everybody. Pkt. 10 cts. ounce 20 cts.

SWEET CORN.—Cook's Extra Early. The VERY BEST, and earliest sweet corn grown: ears 6 to 8 inches long: very productive, and sweet. Especially valuable for the market-gardener, to completely control the early markets. Quart 50 cts.



COLORADO PRESERVING MELON.

This is quite distinct from the ordinary preserving citron, the seeds being of a light green color. It is immensely productive; one vine produced 25 fine melons, weighing from 10 to 30 pounds each. The flesh is very firm and solid, with few seeds, and makes beautiful, clear, transparent preserves of surpassingly fine flavor. pkt 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.

POP CORN.—Cook's Improved Egyptian. I have been improving and perfecting this magnificent corn, for many years, and now offer a strain of seed that cannot be surpassed. Its productiveness is unapproached by any other variety, 3 to 6 ears on a stalk. [Have had 8 ears on a single stalk.] I once grew two and a half bushels of ears on just 50 hills. It pops splendid, bursting out very large white as snow: tender and delicious. Every one who keeps poultry, should raise a supply for feeding chickens, nothing can be better. Boys and Girls, as well as older ones can get a nice income growing this corn to sell; it sells readily at from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per bushel of ears. I send out only EXTRA SELECTED seed. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts, quart, 60 cts.



PEPPER. Golden Dawn Mango. The earliest, sweetest, handsomest and most productive pepper grown: entirely free from fiery flavor. For beauty of growth this pepper is worthy of a place in the flower garden: my plants averaged 15 full-grown mangoes each. Pkt. 5 cts.

GENERAL LIST OF

Vegetable, and Flower Seeds.

I have taken much pains to give a select list of only the best varieties, rather than a bewildering long one. I hope every one who has not planted my seeds, will give me at least a trial order. [And then you will receive my Catalogue next year without writing for it.]

My mixed vegetable seeds have been received with much favor. They are especially desirable for small gardens where an assortment is wanted. In no other way can such a variety be planted in the average garden. ☞ They are the choicest strains grown separate, and carefully mixed.

LIBERAL DISCOUNTS.—As an inducements for the formation of clubs, or to market gardeners and those who order larger quantities than usual for their own use, I make the following **LIBERAL DISCOUNTS ON SEEDS IN PACKETS,**

Persons sending	\$.50	may select seeds in packets	amounting to	\$.65
"	1.00	"	"	1.40
"	2.00	"	"	3.00
"	3.00	"	"	4.75
"	4.00	"	"	6.50
"	5.00	"	"	8.25
"	10.00	"	"	18.00
"	25.00	"	"	50.00

☞ The above liberal rates are only on seeds IN PACKETS ordered from the following list.

ALL SEEDS SENT BY MAIL POSTPAID ON RECEIPT OF PRICE.

ASPARAGUS.		CHICORY. Large Rooted.	5	MUSTARD. White French.	5
Conover's Colossal.	5 cents.				
BEANS [Dwarf].		CHUFAS or Earth Almonds.	5	MUSK-MELON.	
New Golden Prize,	5			Golden Netted Gem,	5
Crystal White Wax,	5	SWEET CORN.		New Surprise,	5
New Prolific Tree.	5	Cook's Extra Early,	5	Green Nutmeg,	5
		Cory,	5	Bay View,	5
BEANS [Pole].		Improved Evergreen,	5	above varieties mixed.	5
Cook's Improved Lima,	10	Mammoth Sugar,	5	Acme, or Baltimore,	10
Golden Butter,	5	Cook's Improved Egyptian Pop Corn,	10	Princess, (new),	15
Southern Prolific,	5	Variegated Pop Corn.	15	WATER-MELON.	5
Powell's Prolific. pkt. only	10			Mammoth Ironclad,	5
BEEF.		CUCUMBER.		Cuban Queen,	5
Early Eclipse,	5	Early Green Cluster,	5	Peerless,	5
Early Egyptian,	5	Early Russian,	5	above varieties mixed.	5
Yellow Turnip,	5	Improved White Spine,	5	Stokes' Extra Early,	10
Long Smooth Blood,	5	Long Green,	5	Christmas,	10
above varieties mixed.	5	above varieties mixed,	5	COLORADO PRESERVING	
CABBAGE.		Nichol's Medium Green,	10	Melon, or Citron.	10
Early Jersey Wakefield,	5	West India Gherkin.	5		
Early Winningstadt,	5	CRESS.		ONION.	
Henderson's Early Summer,	5	Curled, or Pepper-grass.		Large Red Wethersfield,	5
Fotler's Imp'd Brunswick,	5			Yellow Danvers,	5
Premium Flat Dutch,	5	DOCK.		White Globe,	5
Late American Drumhead,	5	Broad Leaf, (best greens).	10	New Queen. (very early).	5
above varieties mixed.	5	EGG-PLANT.		above varieties mixed.	5
CARROT.		Improved N. Y. Purple,	10	Giant Red Rocca.	5
New Ox Heart,	5			Mammoth Silver King.	10
Early Short Horn,	5	GOURD.		PARSNIP.	
Danvers,	5	Japanese Nest-Egg,	10	Large Sugar, or Hollow-	
Improved Long Orange,	5	Dipper.	10	Crown,	5
above varieties mixed.	5				
CAULIFLOWER.		KOHL RAB.		PEAS.	
Early Snowball,	25	Early White Vienna,	5	American Wonder,	5
CELERY.		LETTUCE.		Abundance,	5
Crawford's Half-Dwarf,	5	Sugar-Loaf,	5	Ever-bearing,	5
Boston Market,	5	Early Prize Head,	5	Telephone,	5
White Plume,	10	Deacon,	5	Dwarf Sugar. (Edible pods)	5
Golden Self Blanching.	10	Buttercup, new,	10	PARSLEY.	
		above varieties mixed.	5	Extra Fine Curled,	5

VEGETABLE, AND FLOWER SEEDS.

PEPPER.		Black Giant,	5	Flowering-Bean. Purple, 10 ft.	5
New Golden Dawn,	5	Arctic,	5	Gilia,	5
Ruby King,	10	TOMATO.		Helichrysum. [Everlasting],	10
Red Cluster,	10	Livingston's Perfection,	5	Hollyhock. Finest double mx'd.	10
Red Cayenne,	5	Favorite,	5	Marigold.	5
PUMPKIN.		Beauty,	10	Morning-Glory. Finest mixed,	5
Large Cheese,	5	Golden Trophy,	5	Dwarf Morning-Glory,	5
Tennessee Sweet Potato,	10	above varieties mixed	5	Pansy. Best mixed, all colors,	10
King of the Mammoths,	10	Dwarf Champion,	25	" Pure White,	10
		Small Varieties Mixed.	10	" King of the Blacks,	10
RADISH.		STRAWBERRY TOMATO,		Petunia. Fine mixed,	10
Early Scarlet Turnip,	5	or Ground Cherry,	10	Phlox. Choicest mixed colors,	10
Golden Yellow Summer,	5	PURPLE HUSK TOMATO,		Poppy. Carnation double mx'd.	5
French Breakfast,	5	10		Portulaca. Fine mixed,	5
Long Scarlet Short Top,	5	TURNIP.		Ricinus. [Castor-Oil Bean.]	5
above varieties mixed,	5	Jersey Lily, new,	5	Sensitive Plant,	5
New Chantiers,	10	Yellow Aberdeen,	5	Sweet William. Choicest colors,	5
New Rosy Gem,	10	RUTA-BAGAS.		Verbena. Best varieties mixed.	10
Chinese Rose Winter,	5	Imp'd. Purple-Top Yellow.	5	Zinnia. Double, mixed colors,	5
Cal. mammoth White Win.	5	VEGETABLE PEACH.		Mixed Flower Seeds, over 200	
RHUBARB. Linnaeus,		15		choice varieties in one packet.	10
SALSIFY, (Vegetable Oyster.)	5	— 0 —			
SPINACH. Round Leaved,	5	FLOWER SEEDS.			
SQUASH.		Aster. Finest double mixed.	10	MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS.	
Perfect Gem,	5	Amaranthus. Caudatus,	5	Broom Corn.	5
Cocoanut,	5	Agrostemma Coronaria,	5	Animated Cats	5
Summer Crookneck,	5	Falsam. Finest double mixed	5	Raffir Corn,	5
Hubbard,	5	Balloon Vine. (Love in a Huff),	5	Potato Seed,	10
above varieties mixed,	5	Calendula. (C. tinialis, Metetr	5	Jap. Tree Pea.	5
White Pineapple [new],	5	Candytuft. Fragrant,	5	Spanish Peanuts,	10
Improved Cushaw,	10	China Pink. Finest double mx'd.	5	— 0 —	
SUNFLOWER,		Cockscomb.	5	HERBS.	
Mammoth Russian.	5	Cypress Vine. Rose, 15 feet.	5	Anise,	5
				Catnip,	5
				Horehound.	5
				Lavender.	5
				Sweet Basil.	5
				Wormwood.	5

Beans, Peas, and Corn, by the Quart, etc.

ALL BEANS, PEAS, AND EGYPTIAN POP CORN, PINT 35 cts. QUART 60 cts.
SWEET-CORN, AND SUNFLOWERS, PINT 20 cts. QUART 40 cts. **ALL SENT POSTPAID.**

SEEDS BY THE OUNCE, ETC.

Asparagus: Beet: Carrot: Chicory: Cucumber: Parsnip: Pumpkin: Radish (except Rosy Gem.) Spinach: Turnip: Ruta-baga: Musk-Melon (except Princess.) Water-Melon [except Christmas,] and Squash:..... Ounce 10 cts. 4 ounces 30 cts.
Cabbage: Crawfords and Golden Dwarf Celery: Lettuce: Wetherfield, Danvers, and Rocca Onion: Rosy Gem Radish: Christmas Water-Melon: and Tomato: Ounce 20 cts. 4 ozs. 60 cts.;
White Globe, Queen, and King Onion: Princess Musk-Melon: and Self-Blanching Celery Ounce 35 cts. 4 ounces \$1.00. **Prices for larger quantities, given on application.**

INTRODUCTION BOX OF SEEDS FOR 1888.

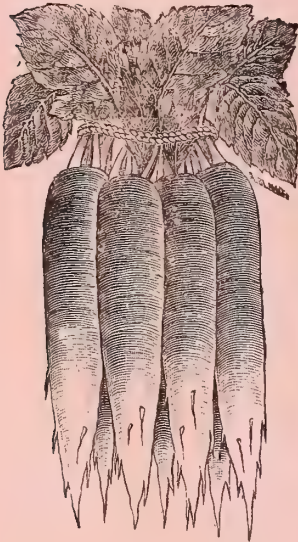
A COLLECTION OF CHOICE SEEDS FOR THE FAMILY GARDEN.

POSITIVELY NO CHANGES MADE IN THE FOLLOWING VARIETIES.

BEET, Early Egyptian,	PARSNIP, Large Sugar,	TOMATO, Small Sorts, mixed,
CABBAGE, Imp'd Brunswick,	PUMPKIN, Sweet Potato,	RUTA-BAGA, Imp'd Yellow,
CARROT, Best Varieties mx'd.	POP-CORN, Egyptian,	
SWEET-CORN, Mam. Sugar,	PURPLE HUSK-TOMATO,	FLOWER SEEDS.
CELERY, Best sorts mixed,	RADISH, NEW Chantiers,	AMARANTHUS, Caudatus,
CUCUMBER, Early Cluster,	SPINACH, Round Leaf,	AGROSTEMMA, Coronaria,
GARDEN-DOCK, (best greens)	SQUASH, Four cents mixed.	PETUNIA, Superfine Mixed,
MUSK-MELON, Netted Gem.	SUNFLOWER, 4 Largest sorts,	SWEET WILLIAM, Mixed,
WATER-Melon, Cuban Queen,	TOMATO, New Beauty,	MIXED Flowers, 200 kinds,

ALL the above 25 Packets [worth \$1.75 at my low Catalogue rates] carefully boxed, and mailed to any address postpaid for 65 cents. Two for \$1.00. **Four Boxes** for \$2.00 and one Box free to getter up of club of four. Address, **A. T. COOK,** [Seed Grower],

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NEW CHARTIERS RADISH.

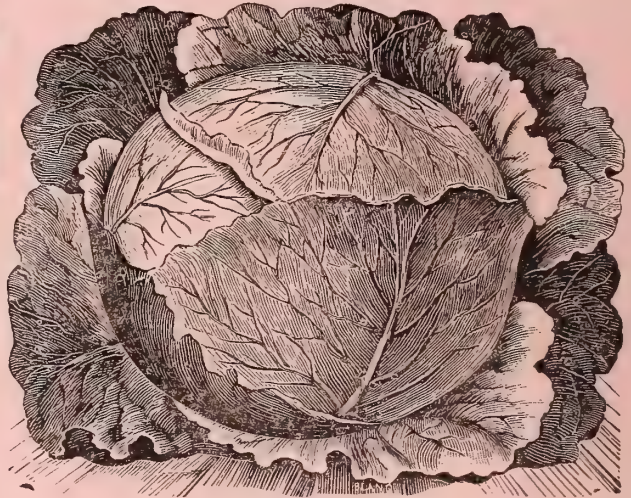
This valuable introduction, is far superior to any variety now in cultivation. In quality and flavor unsurpassed; early, handsome, unusually crisp, tender and juicy; and remains good a long time without running up to seed. Pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 c.

CHUFAS, or Earth Almonds. These very closely resemble in sweetness and richness of flavor, a coconut. They are much grown in the South to fatten swine, poultry, etc. They succeed perfectly at the North: my plants yielding from three to six hundred fine chufas each. They are a rich and healthy food for poultry of all kinds. Directions for planting etc, on each packet. Pkt. 5 cts.



CARROT. New Oxheart. This carrot comes from France, and is a decided advance in shape as shown in the illustration; it is very thick, attaining from three to four inches in diameter. It is of fine quality, and will prove of great value both in family and market gardens. Pkt. 5 c.

PEAS:—Bliss' American Wonder, (true seed). Best in quality, immensely productive. I have counted 28 large pods on one vine. Height 10 to 12 inches. Earliest and sweetest wrinkled pea in cultivation; and has met with the unqualified approval of all who have grown it. Pkt. 5 cts. Pint 35 cts. quart 60 cents.



PREMIUM FLAT DUTCH CABBAGE.

This variety is more largely grown than any other, for late or main crop. Heads large, round, solid, broad and flat on top; of very fine quality. The seed has been long and carefully selected, and I think I am very modest in my claim that I believe it is unexcelled by stock offered by any other house in the world. Packet 5 c. ounce 20 c. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb 60 c. pound \$2.25.

BEANS: New Golden Prize,—Early, and very productive; pods long, brittle, and ENTIRELY STRINGLESS: of a rich golden wax color. Excellent both as a snap bean and a shell bean for winter use. The plants grow very uniform; are exceedingly hardy, and I have never known them to blight, or rust in the least. I consider them decidedly the best dwarf bean, I ever raised. Pkt. 5 c. Pint 35 c. qt. 60 cts.



VARIEGATED POP CORN. I offer for the second time, this new and handsome variety. Ears beautifully variegated, red, white, and blue colors blended; early, productive, finest quality. A splendid kind to grow for market; sells at fancy prices everywhere. Pkt. 15 cts. 2 for 25 cts. 5 for 50 cts.

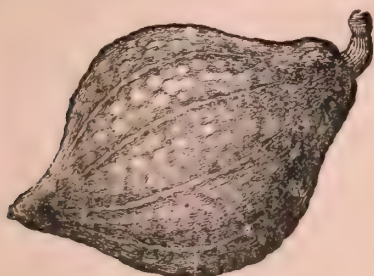


ACME, or BALTIMORE MUSKMELON. The most popular variety in Baltimore, and pronounced by prominent melon growers, the finest shipping muskmelon in cultivation. Rapidly gaining favor in Philadelphia and New York markets. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. oz. 20 c. $\frac{1}{4}$ pound 60 cts.



LATE AMERICAN DRUMHEAD CABBAGE.

A very large variety; sure to produce very uniform large, solid heads, and is very popular in many sections as a standard winter sort. Pkt. 5c. oz. 20c. 4 ozs. 60 c. per lb \$2.25.



HUBBARD SQUASH.

To well known to need comment. The standard winter squash; excellent for table use, of good size, dry, fine-grained flesh, a good keeper. This squash is doubtless, more largely grown than any other. Pkt 5c. oz. 10 c. 4 ozs. 30 cts.



PERFECT GEM SQUASH.

The Gem squashes are from 4 to 6 inches in diameter, of a light straw color, slightly ribbed, and have a thin smooth skin; very productive — 24 squashes having been grown on a single vine. It is an excellent keeper. The flesh is unusually sweet, dry and fine-grained when cooked, and I consider them the best squash in cultivation. Pkt. 5 cts.



SALSIFY.

SALSIFY, or OYSTER PLANT. A vegetable that is sure to be called for where it is once introduced. It is a good substitute for oysters, having a very similar flavor: it is very wholesome and nutritious. The roots are either boiled, or mashed and made into fritters, in which form they are delicious. The roots are perfectly hardy, and may remain in the ground all winter. Pkt. 5 cts.



WHITE PINEAPPLE SQUASH.

This squash is very peculiar and distinctive in shape as shown in the illustration. It is ready for use in mid-summer and keeps well all winter. The flesh is very thick, of a beautiful creamy-white color, fine grained and good quality, being of a rich and decided coconut flavor—so much so that pies made of this squash have been mistaken for coconut pies. Pkt. 5 cts.

Powell's Prolific Pole Bean.

See page 1. NOVELTIES, & SPECIALTIES.



VERBENA.



SUPERE PANSY.



AGROSTEMMA.



SENSITIVE PLANT.



VARIEGATED MORNING GLORY.

FLOWERS.

"Plant in your garden some flowers to cheer you,
To gladden your view thro' the long summer days;
They will cheer you when sadness comes stealing upon you,
And lighten your cares as in childhood at play."

—O—

CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS

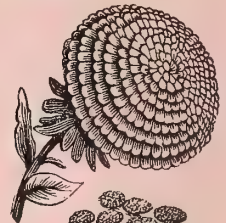
is one of my specialties, and my trade in them,—always large,—is rapidly increasing. My customers can rely upon getting those of the very best quality and finest strains. I warrant my FLOWER SEEDS as fully as I do my Vegetable Seeds, and I guarantee all to be fresh, true to name, and of good vitality. See General List for prices.

MIXED FLOWER SEEDS.

The introduction of these has proved a most marked success; they are a mixture of over 200 varieties of hardy Flower Seeds, and if carefully sown and cared for, will produce an astonishing variety of flowers. No one who has not seen such a bed can form an idea of its possibilities, the different seasons of bloom insuring something new almost every day. They may be sown broadcast, or in drills a foot apart.



EVERLASTING FLOWERS.



ASTER.



DOUBLE BALSAMS.



PHLOX DRUMMONDII.

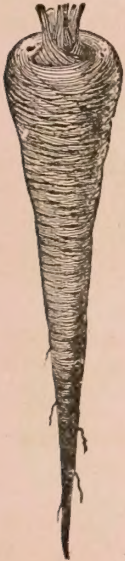


CANDYTUFT.



EARLY WINNINGSTADT.

A well known and very popular variety, heads large, decidedly conical, remarkably solid and hard, even in summer. This is a sure header, a good shipper, and suffers less from the cabbage worm than any other sort, valuable for both summer or winter use. Market gardeners and all others desiring a choice strain of this desirable cabbage should try my select seed. Pkt. 5 cts. oz. 20 c. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 60 c. 1 lb. \$2.25.



LARGE SUGAR PARSNIP.

The best variety in cultivation: roots long, white, smooth, tender, sugary, and of excellent flavor.

Parsnips are improved by remaining in the ground exposed to frost during winter. Pkt. 5 c. oz. 10 c.

CRAWFORDS HALF DWARF CELERY.

This is now a leading variety, not only around N. Y. but in all sections of the country. When blanched it is of a yellowish white making it very ornamental for the table; it is entirely solid, has a delicious nutty flavor. It possesses great vigor of growth, surpassing most of the large growing sorts in weight of bunch, and is one of the best keepers I have ever known. Pkt. 5 cts. oz. 20 cts.



CRAWFORDS HALF-DWARF CELERY.

WHITE PLUME, CELERY.

This is one of the best of the so called Self Blanching varieties, as it needs but little banking up. Its eating qualities are equal to the best of the older sorts, being crisp, solid, and of a pleasing nutty flavor, while its white feather-like foliage places it ahead of all others as a table ornament. Pkt. 10 cts. oz. 25 cts.

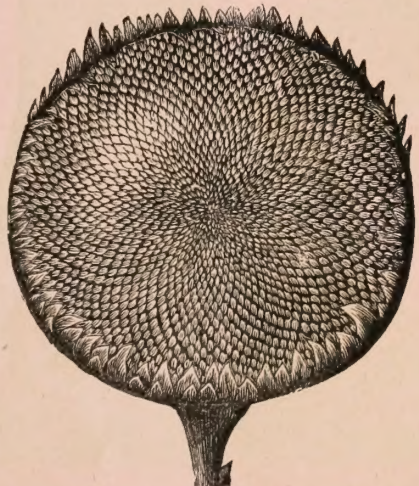
Mrs. GILMAN STEARNS, Machias, Maine, Feb. 5th. 1887, writes:—I received the collection of seeds for 1885, and planted them, the result was far better than I expected; I never sowed any seeds before that I thought more came up than I planted. My Celery surpassed any that I ever saw before: it was very crisp, and of exquisite flavor; I never saw any thing like it when I lived in the City. —I neglected to send to you for seeds in 1886, and bought of different seedsmen here: I had three papers of Celery seed, and all failed, and other seeds were the same; (and my neighbors had the same trials that I had.) Now for 1887 I will try your seeds again, for every seed of yours came up.



CUBAN QUEEN WATERMELON.

This magnificent melon is one of the largest known; specimens have been grown to weigh over 100 pounds. Flesh bright red, solid, very crisp, and sugary; they ripen early, are very productive, and have been aptly called "The Perfection of Water-melons."

Pkt 5 c. oz. 10 c. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 30 cts.

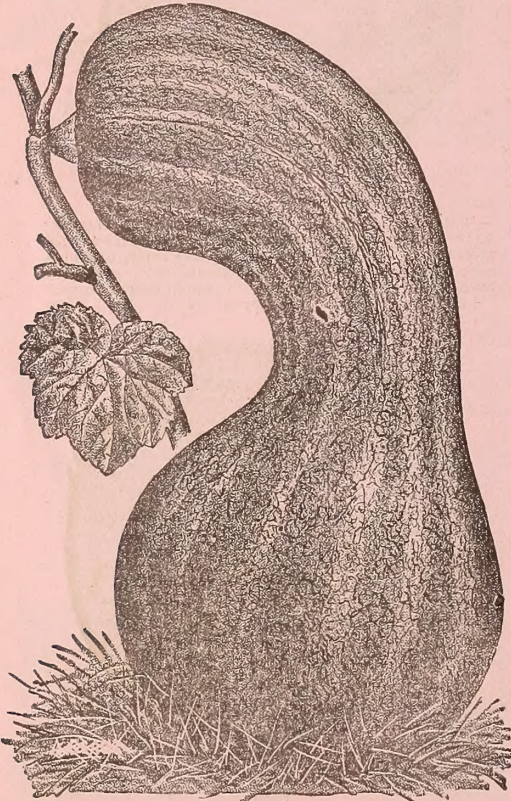


SUNFLOWERS.—Mammoth Russian. Heads 10 to 22 inches in diameter; excellent for feeding poultry and horses. It is the VERY BEST EGG-PRODUCING FOODS known for poultry: they eat it greedily jatten well upon it, and obtain a bright, lustrous plumage, and strong healthy condition, better than on most any other food. It can be raised cheaper than corn. Pint 30 cts. quart 60 cts.



JAPANESE NEST-EGG GOURD.—This new and beautiful variety, varies in size from a pigeon's egg up to a goose egg, but mostly the size of hen's eggs, and so exactly the color and shape, as to almost deceive the naked eye. The shells are hard and durable, and make the very best nest-eggs as they neither freeze or crack. The largest ones, (when sawed into), make excellent pots for starting tomato, strawberry, and other plants. The Nest-Egg Gourd, is a rapid and desirable climber: quickly covering old sheds or any unsightly object with a mass of green foliage, thickly dotted with beautiful white eggs. Boys you can make money growing this gourd, and selling them to your nabors, for nest-eggs.

Packet, 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. oz. 50 cts.



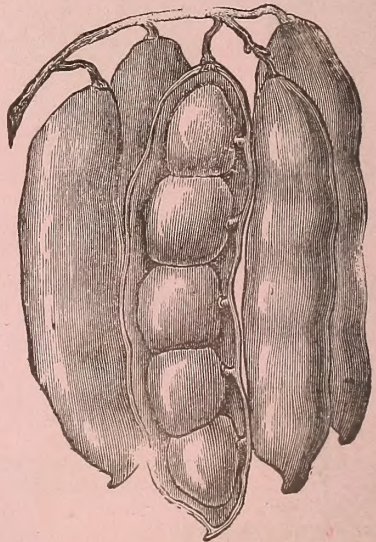
IMPROVED CUSHAW SQUASH.—This is the genuine Cushaw of "ye olden time," and is a great favorite on account of its many good qualities. My engraving was made from a 35 pound premium specimen. The flesh is a rich yellow color, solid, fine grained, very sweet and excellent for pies, and equally good for baking.

Pkt 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



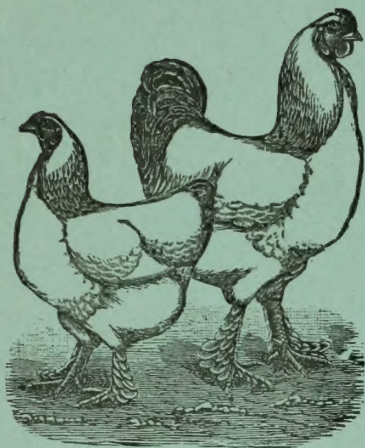
VEGETABLE PEACH. This unique Novelty, first introduced by me last season, is one of the most beautiful vegetables ever grown in this, or any other country. They grow on vines same as melons, are a beautiful golden yellow, almost exactly resembling oranges in color, shape, and size. The flesh is snow-white, and makes most excellent, and handsome preserves. Fried as Egg Plant, when green they are delicious, and for "Mangoes," they are so perfectly adapted I know of nothing better. They will keep in good condition two months after being picked from the vines. Very productive, early, and hardy,—have ripened their fruit in Canada—planted in June. I hope no one will fail to try this novelty. I have never grown anything in my gardens that called forth so much interest and admiration. Directions for growing,—use of fruit, etc. on each packet.

Packet, 15 cts. two for 25 cts. five for 50 cts.



COOK'S IMPROVED LIMA.—Best Lima Bean grown, either for home use or market, very productive. 10 days to two weeks earlier than any other variety. Pkt 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

GARDEN DOCK.—This rare, distinct, and valuable variety, grows to a gigantic size; (I have measured leaves, 4 feet 7 inches long, by 10 inches wide.) It is rich and tender, and exceedingly fine flavored. This is by far the earliest of all greens, being ready for the table fully two weeks before asparagus; and considered by many much superior to that popular vegetable. A bed once started, will last for years. Every one should grow it. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



LIGHT BRAHMAS.

I take pride in caring for and breeding the varieties advertised, and feel that all entrusting their orders to me will get healthy, well bred stock.

Houdans.

The **HOUDANS** are one of the most valuable breeds raised. Plumage white spangled with black. They possess the non-sitting qualities of the Leghorn, are a third larger, have a crest, and triple comb. They are excellent table fowls the flesh being of the finest quality. They are great layers, of large, handsome white eggs. The chicks are hardy, feather early, and mature rapidly. Give this variety a trial.

Eggs \$1.25 per sitting of 13.

Light Brahmas.

The **Light Brahmas**, need but little recommendation from their admirers. They are a large, noble fowl, bear confinement well, and are well adapted for small yards, and people living in villages with little room, as a fence three feet high will keep them enclosed. They are good winter layers, of large rich flavored eggs, and are a fine marked fowl, dressing from 6 to 7 lbs. at six months old. Eggs \$1.25 per sitting of 13.

Wyandottes.

WYANDOTTES are a new breed, but they have already gained great popularity. They are handsome, compact birds, good layers and sitters, mature early and are a grand table fowl. I have a fine flock of nicely marked birds. Eggs \$1.25 per sitting of 13.

Imperial Pekin Ducks

are the largest of the ducks. As layers they are not equalled by any other variety. They have orange legs, yellow bills, and creamy white feathers, which are as valuable as geese feathers. They cannot fly



HOUDANS.

or climb fences any more than a mud-turtle. Their eggs hatch well, ducklings are thrifty and hardy, mature rapidly, require no more water to swim in than chickens, and are ready to market before other fowls are half grown. Eggs \$1.25 per sitting of 10.

All eggs fresh and true to name. I pack carefully and securely in heavy paper boxes, with partitions, (packing chaff firmly about each egg,) then pack the box in a new basket, surrounded by fine excelsior shavings making a very light and elastic package; saving all jar, so as to carry safely any distance with lowest express charges. As the expressage is but little if any more on 3 or more sittings than on one, it would be well to get up clubs and have all sent in one package. Each variety will be packed and marked separately. I will send 2 sittings for \$2.25, 3 sittings \$3.25, 4 sittings for \$4.00, 6 sittings for \$5.50, 10 sittings for \$9.00.

Note.—I can pack any seeds wanted, in basket with the eggs. Please send orders early as possible.

JOHN GRANDY, Bathgate Dakota, June 6th. 1887, writes:—It affords me great pleasure to report most favorably of the eggs sent me last month; Wm. Randolph got 12 birds from 13 Duck Eggs;—Mrs. Baptie, 10 Wyandottes out of 14 eggs;—and I got 12 birds out of the sitting of Houdans, and 5 Pekin Ducks out of 7 eggs. This is a better average than we can get by sitting home laid eggs under the most favorable circumstances. I was more than pleased with your seeds last year; notwithstanding the extreme dry season, all grew, and each variety was true to name. The potato eyes exceeded my expectations; I think not one eye proved unproductive, a severe frost cut them down once, and nothing like a decent shower throughout the entire season of growth;—after all and with no extra care; I got from a bushel, to a bushel and a half of each variety, (from 50 eyes planted), and nearly all good large tubers.

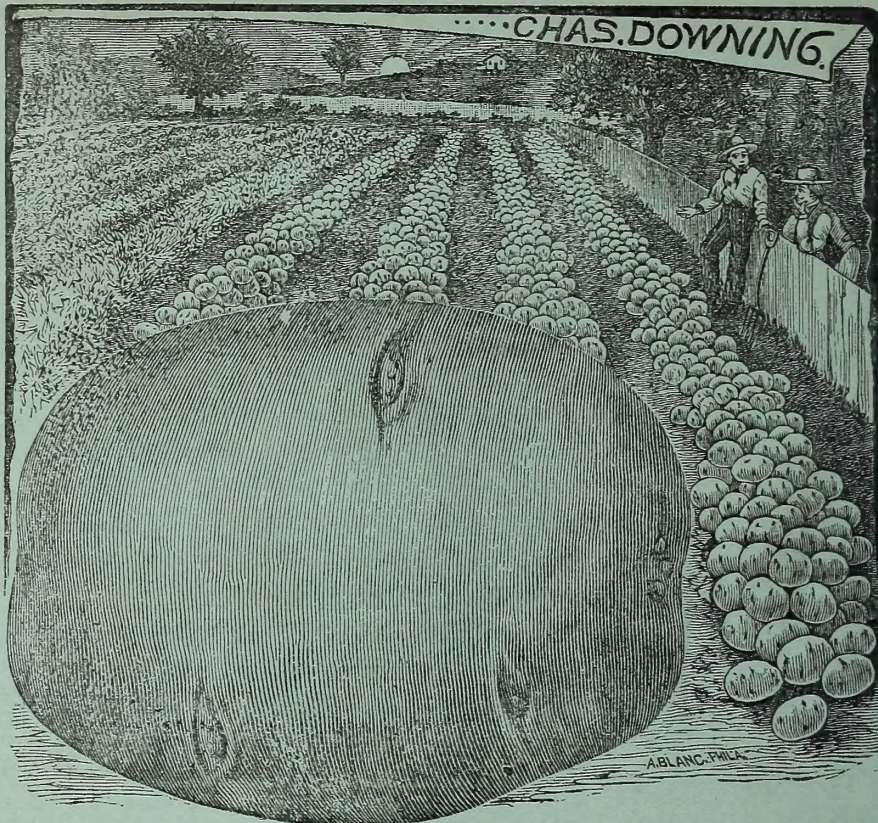


WYANDOTTES.



IMPERIAL PEKIN DUCKS.

CHARLES DOWNING POTATO.



THE CHARLES DOWNING, is undoubtedly the coming early potato for this country: both the New York, and Ohio Experiment Stations prove them to be decidedly the earliest, handsomest, most productive, and finest table quality, of any variety yet tested by them. Reports from all growers who have planted it, are unanimous in its praise. In season, EXTRA EARLY; the N. Y. Station showing them to have matured in less number of days, than any other of the hundreds of sorts planted; and but one other marked "10" (the highest grade in table quality): its average yield is given at 375.1 bushels per acre; the popular Early Sunrise in same test is given at 197.5 bushels, and the Belle, 125.7 bushels. These figures are taken from the published report, and must be accepted as an entirely disinterested opinion founded on practical experience, and by comparison with all the standard sorts.

It is free from "blight" and rot; the color is pure white; the form is accurately shown in the above illustration, which was sketched from the potato itself. Whether baked, or boiled, its cooking qualities are faultless; its parity of color; fine floury texture, and delicious flavor being excelled by no other variety.

After growing the Chas. Downing in various

soils I can fully confirm all said in its praise. I measured the yield from 100 closely planted hills, -taken just as they run, [one eye planted in the hill,] and the result-notwithstanding the poor season, was four bushels of as nice potatoes as I ever grew. I offer the Downing, with great faith in its destined popularity, and I hope every one of my customers will try it.

Price of POTATO EYES by mail.

For \$1.00 I will send 100 strong eyes of Chas. Downing.

\$2.00	"	225	"	"	"
\$3.00	"	350	"	"	"
\$4.00	"	500	"	"	"
\$5.00	"	650	"	"	"
\$10.00	"	1500	"	"	"

I have received only the most favorable reports from all sections, from sending potato eyes. It is much the best and cheapest way to obtain new varieties. I leave a nice piece of potato with each eye, one eye being sufficient for a large hill. I send them carefully boxed, and postpaid, at above rates.

All eyes warranted to reach you in good condition for growing. Orders booked as received, and sent soon as the weather will permit: orders from the South, sent any time requested. Friends, in conclusion I will say that ALL ORDERS will receive my personal attention, and be filled with the utmost promptness and care. Please Address,

A. T. COOK, CLINTON HOLLOW, DUTCHESS COUNTY, N. Y.